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TUCSON MAN SENTENCED TO 121 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR BEATING DEATH OF WOMAN ON PASQUA YAQUI RESERVATION

PHOENIX, ARIZONA –The United States Attorneys Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on September 19, 2003, Ronald Terry Corella, (D.O.B. 03/15/73) of Tucson, Arizona, was sentenced to 121 months imprisonment, by United States District Judge John M. Roll, in Tucson, Arizona.

In the late evening hours of September 13, 2002, and the early morning hours of September 14, 2002, Ronald Corella attended a party located on the Pasqua Yaqui Indian Reservation. At some point during the evening, he became involved in a verbal confrontation with the victim, Ophelia Coronado. Corella became very angry with the victim and attacked her, beating her with his fists and feet. The victim later died as a result of the injuries inflicted to the victim's head.

The defendant was indicted by a federal grand jury for Second Degree Murder on October 23, 2002. On May 16, 2003, the defendant pled guilty to the indictment. On September 19, 2003, the defendant was sentenced to 121 months in prison (the maximum available sentence under the sentencing guidelines), to be followed by a term of 5 years supervised release. He was also ordered to pay \$1750.00 in restitution to the victim's family and the Pasqua Yaqui Tribe.

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The investigation was handled by the F.B.I. and the Pasqua Yaqui Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Sean C. Chapman, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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